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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont  
Re: Request of General Maxwell D. Taylor  
for Information on Cuban Situation

General Taylor advised Liaison Agent Bartlett that he would like to have the FBI's comments on three items. He said he desired the FBI's characterization of Betancourt, the FBI's comments concerning a possible conversation between "Winters, an FBI man," and Perramon, and, if such a conversation took place, did it include the fact that "Winters" was attempting to get support for Miro Cardona and in doing so use President Kennedy's name, and if the FBI has any information concerning a Florida key to be used by the ELC as a training base. General Taylor said that if the Bureau felt that it was necessary to interview Charles Bartlett he was sure there would be no reluctance on Bartlett's part; however, he desires that the Bureau contact him first so that he can telephone Bartlett prior to the interview. The Liaison Agent told General Taylor that we would check into these matters and would advise him of the results. (u)

Ernesto Betancourt was formerly representative of Castro's July 26 Movement in Washington, D. C. He subsequently broke with Castro and is presently employed by Pan American Union in Washington, D. C. In the past he has furnished information to Washington Field Office (WFO) on a confidential basis. About three months ago he endeavored to make defection approach to Cuban Ambassador to United Nations which was unsuccessful. He kept WFO fully advised of developments. We are reviewing files on Betancourt and will furnish pertinent data concerning him to General Taylor. (u)

Howard P. Winter is an Agent assigned to WFO. This afternoon Supervisor L. W. R. Oberndorff after talking with Winter furnished the following information. On June 6 Winter saw Perramon who is an informant of WFO. Perramon is in contact with Betancourt and reports information regarding Betancourt's groups to WFO. Perramon told Winter that ELC wanted Government support. In discussing support by the Government for Cuban groups, Winter commented that according to newspaper reports Miro Cardona is being backed by the Government. (u)

On June 15 Perramon said he thought he had gotten Winter into a jam. He said that Betancourt had told him, Perramon, that he had told Charles Bartlett of the "Chattanooga Times" that Winter said that Miro Cardona had the backing of the White House. Perramon told Winter that he jumped on Betancourt about this and told Betancourt that Winter had never said any such thing. According to Supervisor Oberndorff Winter says that he has never made any such statement to anyone. Neither has Winter tried to solicit support for Miro Cardona from anyone. (u)

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